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Corruption cases may haunt Carter

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WASHINGTON—Senate investigators backed by Sen. Edward Kennedy [D., mass.] are seeking to reopen more than a dozen public corruption case files, including several potentially damaging to President Carter. All the cases had been closed by the Justice Department.

Leading the Senate effort, with visible and potent Kennedy backing, is Sen. Dennis DeConcini [D., Ariz.], who has launched a Judiciary Committee probe of the Justice Department's handling—and decision to close—15 sensitive cases involving top-administration officials, the President's brother, the President himself, and other political figures.

Among the cases that DeConcini wants to reexamine are:

• Perjury charges against a top Nuclear Regulatory Commission official who swore before a House committee that the CIA had no date showing Israel had built a nuclear weapon by diverting uranium from a Pennsylvania plant.

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